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Brown Prairie & Brown Custer
Grazing Transfer

Environmental Assessment (EA)
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PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action is to issue grazing permits for the Brown/East Custer Allotment (#01174) and the Brown/Prairie Co. Allotment (#01304) to the applicant with a change in type of livestock from cow/calf to yearling cattle and to set up a grazing rotation for the pastures. The grazing permit terms and conditions for the Brown/Prairie Co. Allotment would reflect a change by allowing the B Pasture to be divided and a grazing rotation to be implemented.

BLM would authorize the construction of approximately 3,250 feet (0.6 miles) of fence along the north side of section 12 (T. 10 N., R. 52 E. MPM). The fence would be a standard four wire fence with spacing of 16"-22"-30" and 42" from the ground level. The top three wires would be barbed and the bottom would be smooth. No blade work would be authorized in the construction of this fence. Total length of fence would be 3,250 feet. BLM would furnish materials and the permittee would labor to construct the fence. Upon the fence completion by Spring of 2014, the permittee would assume maintenance responsibility.

The only surface disturbance occurring from the construction would be from light vehicle trucks and the tractor needed to dig the corner posts.

Project construction would not be permitted between March 1 and June 15 to protect ground nesting birds.

The terms and conditions for the Brown/East Custer Allotment will remain the same and the terms and conditions for the Brown/Prairie Co. Allotment would be changed to a rest rotation in Pasture B, a flip-flop deferment for Pasture C (West & East) and a rotation of Pasture A along with a state pasture and private pasture. The permits will run from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2016. Under the proposed action the terms and conditions will be issued as outlined below.

GR# 2502676

Allotment Name and Number	Livestock		Grazing Period		% PL	Type Use	AUMs
	Number	Kind	Begin	End			
Brown/East Custer Allot. #01174	24	Y	03/01	05/14	100	Active	60
	24	Y	09/01	02/28	100	Active	136

Total Active AUMs: 196

Terms and Conditions:

Grazing is authorized during the listed season for the recognized capacity of the public land.

Livestock will not be in the public land continuously for the entire season.

Livestock numbers are restricted so long as the BLM estimated capacity of the pastures is not exceeded.

Supplemental feed (includes salting) will not be placed within of quarter (1/4) of a mile of stock watering facilities, riparian zones, hardwood draws or wetlands. Supplemental feed defined as feed that provides for improved livestock nutrition or rangeland management, but does not replace forage available from public lands.

The term of the permit will run from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2016 which coincides with the dates of the base property lease. Provided that current monitoring information indicates that range conditions are in conformance with 43 CFR 4180, the permit may be renewed upon renewal of the base property lease through February 28, 2023.

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GR# 2502808

Allotment Name and Number	Livestock	Grazing Period	% PL	Type Use	AUMs
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Brown/Prairie Co. Allot. #01304	Number	Kind	Begin	End			
Pasture B	14	Y	03/01	02/28	100	Custodial	170
Pasture A	64	Y	06/01	07/26	100	Active	118
Pasture C (West)	123	Y	06/01	08/18	98	Active	313
Pasture C (East)	200	Y	06/01	08/17	52	Active	267
Pasture D	19	Y	03/01	9/1	100	Active	116

Total Active AUMs: 984

Terms and Conditions:

Line 1: Pasture B is on three year grazing cycle rotated between spring, fall and rest. Yearling cattle numbers are not restricted and use cannot exceed the 170 allotted AUMs (up to 200 yearlings can graze for 26 days).

Line 2: Pasture A (sections 24, 25 (T10N, R52E) and section 1 (T9N, R52E) is to be used during the listed grazing period with pasture being on a three year grazing rotated. Up to 200 yearling cattle can graze Pasture A and rotation would include a private and state pasture. Grazing use cannot exceed 118 allotted AUMs (up to 200 yearlings can graze for 19 days) in Pasture A.

Lines 3 & 4: Pasture C (West) and Pasture C (East) are to be used during the listed grazing period. Grazing would include rotating grazing use between Pasture C (East) and Pasture C (West). Grazing would occur first in Pasture C (West) on even years and Pasture C (East) would be first on odd years. Pasture C (West) (sections 4, 5 (E1/2), 8 (N1/2) and 9 (T10N, R53E) and Pasture C (East) (sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 (T10N, R53E) would be used within listed grazing period. Grazing use in Pasture C (West) cannot exceed 313 allotted AUMs (up to 400 yearlings can graze for 25 days) and Pasture C (East) cannot exceed 267 allotted AUMs (up to 400 yearlings can graze for 39 days).

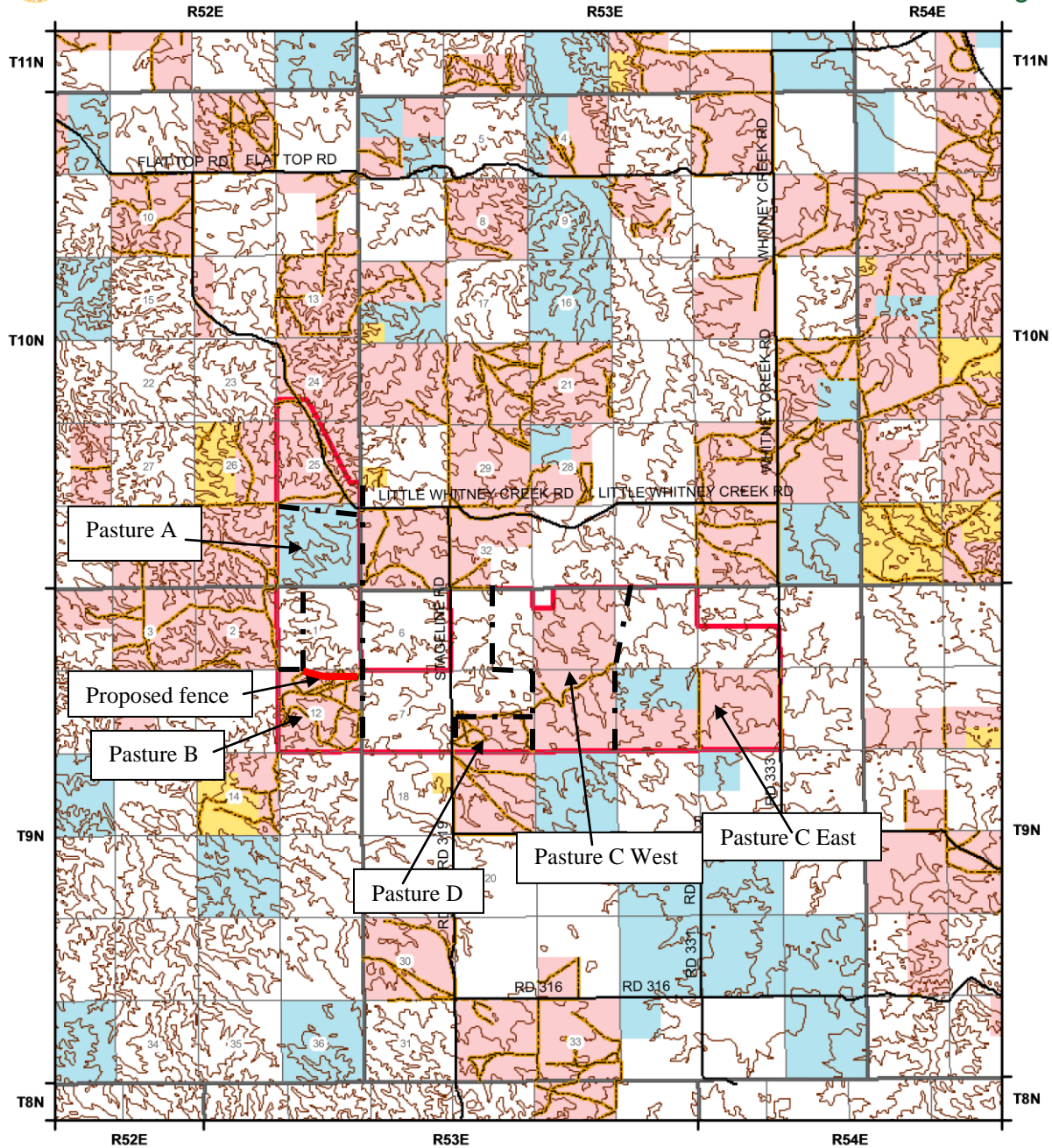
Line 5: Pasture D is to be used during the listed grazing period. Livestock numbers and use cannot exceed 78 allotted AUMs. (up to 100 yearlings can graze for 24 days).

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BROWN/PRAIRIE CO. ALLOT #01304

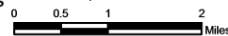


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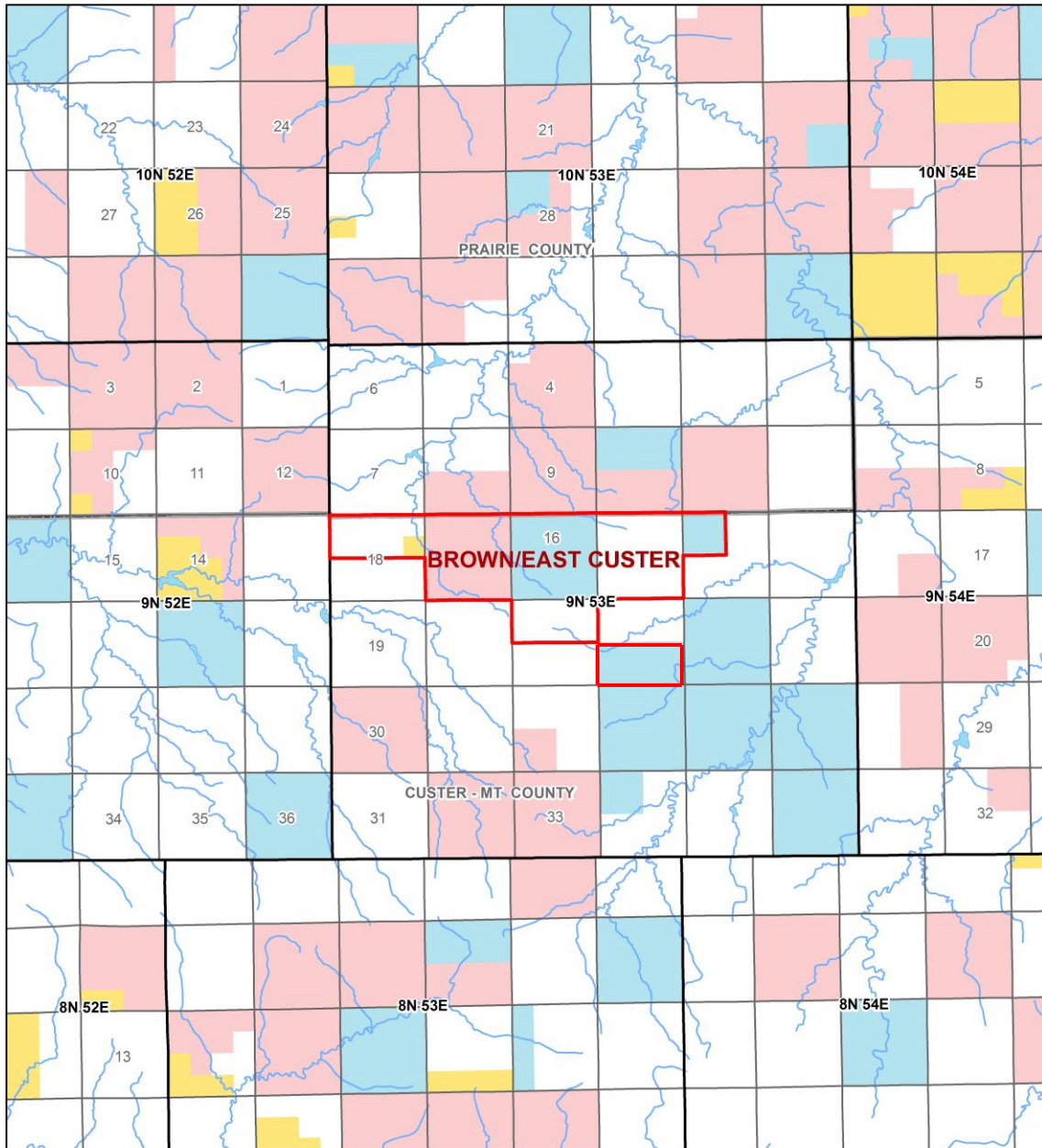
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BROWN/EAST CUSTER ALLOTMENT #01174

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Legend

- Grazing Allotment Polygons
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Projected Coordinate System: NAD 1983 Albers
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